



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 4: Friday 8 November 2024



Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Salam, Bula vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum

Kaiako Ka Rawe! Like other schools across Aotearoa, we celebrated our excellent teachers for their awesome mahi. We are blessed to have a crew who are making a positive daily difference with our ākonga! **Whanaungatanga**, one of our School Values, highlights our pride in identity, and community belonging.



LOCKDOWN PRACTISE DRILL

Today we practised our lockdown emergency procedures under the guidance of **Harrison Tew®**, who specialise in emergency management planning for schools and educational facilities. The procedures we follow allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of situations.

We're super delighted that our practise today went very well with students, and staff, who responded safely and calmly! Our **Harrison Tew® expert partner was very impressed with our school wide response.** Well done!

During the year we'll continue to practise our emergency procedure exercises to ensure all staff and tamariki remain familiar with them. Should you become aware of a lockdown or an evacuation at the School, **please do not come to the School or phone**, as we won't be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

Any information about an emergency happening at the School will be updated on our Website as regularly as possible: www.viscount.school.nz

As part of the Board's Policies and School procedures, it's important that we have regular practises for lockdowns and evacuations so that we can all be well prepared and familiar with our procedures should a real emergency happen. We thank you for your support and understanding as we practise being safe at School.

Thank you for returning your notice with updated contact details. Again, huge commendation to all staff and students for a safe and successful practise, under the supervision of Mr Harrison. Super proud of the high level of compliance and following of health/safety expectations. Today we experienced **Kairangi & Manaakitanga**, our other two School Values in action!

Attendance Matters: We got SOOO close to our 90% School goal this week, 89.25% Let's keep going! Congrats to R23 and Mr Sharma highest attendance this Term, in the 90s! ✅ Parents/whānau, if your child is going to be absent, please contact the Office providing reasons. For safety too, thank you for promptly responding to Office texts/calls 📞 Let's have every student a **HERO (Here Every day Ready On-time)**. We're here to help, and we have resources to support.

Reflecting on collective safety and wellbeing, I close with the whakataukī: **Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa** (Let's stay connected, not apart, in unison). Have a peaceful weekend. Kia pai te raa whakataa 😊

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌸
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal



Term Four: Monday/Rāhina 14 October to Tuesday/Rātū 17 December

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺

See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.

Student arrival and leaving times

- School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm. Please arrive before 8:55 am
- If late, students must sign in at the Library and go straight to class (learning time has already begun)
- If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment, call the Office in advance. **Children must be collected and signed out from the Office only between 11:30 to 11:45 am**
- **3 pm is home time for all students. There is no supervision after school. No students should return to School after hours. Let's all keep safe.**

Drop off / Pick up:

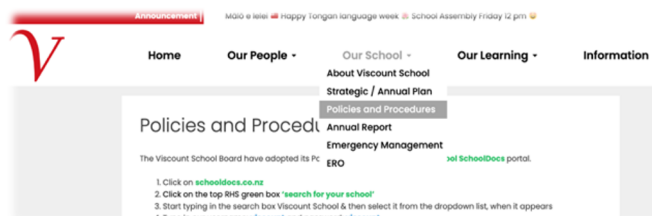
- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff parking and regular utility vehicles need safe access to our drop off and exit areas). Safety first please ☺

Walking to and around School:

- Safely walk on the paths and use the pedestrian crossing

Queries, concerns, School info, Policies:

- See your child's teacher first. You may then like to see the Team Leader, DP, AP or Principal. You're welcome to visit, call the Office or email the teacher, TL, DP or Principal. Please do not delay
- Our Policies are found on our School Website. **We welcome your review of Term 4 Policies ☺**



Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child. Also see our School Website

Uniform, stationery & devices:

- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the collar top, with the shorts. The Sports Tee is only for Y7/8. The hat is compulsory for all students. The fleece pullover full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students have the free black jacket too. Black trousers are optional in Term 2 and 3. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or dark/black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe)
- Visit the Papakura shop or order online from our School website: <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/viscount-school> We supply free stationery for your child
- **No student cell phones at School**

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch is available. Any dietary change, please contact the Office
- Water only (no fizzy, juice) – students bring a bottle to fill with water each day
- Keep sweets, gum and processed convenience packaged foods at home
- Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box **'Pack In Pack Out'**

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. See the DP for information about safety routines

Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in the Hall 8:20 am – 8:45 am

Notices, Newsletters:

- Emailed to parents/caregivers Friday fortnightly (let us know if your details have changed)
- Also posted on our School website www.viscount.school.nz (our online communication)
- Download the KiwiSchools App to your mobile (see link on our website)

